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HURRICANE PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT

Roger A. Suggs, CFA, AAS, CCF, Clay County Property Appraiser, announces that an amendment to Florida law provides for an abatement (reimbursement) of taxes for property owners affected by recent hurricanes.

Pursuant to section 197.318, Florida Statutes, if a residential dwelling or house that is owned and used as a homestead as defined in s. 196.012(3) is rendered uninhabitable for at least 30 days due to damage or destruction caused by Hurricane Hermine or Hurricane Matthew during the 2016 calendar year or Hurricane Irma during the 2017 calendar year, taxes initially levied in 2019 may be abated based on the number of days the property was uninhabitable during the calendar year the hurricane occurred. *Note: a residential improvement does not include a structure that is not essential to the use and occupancy of the residential dwelling or house, including, but not limited to, a detached utility building, detached carport, detached garage, bulkhead, fence, or swimming pool, and does not include land.*

Property owners must file an **Application for Abatement of Taxes for Homestead Residential Improvements** (and supporting documentation) no later than **March 1, 2019**. Failure to timely file an application waives a claim for abatement of taxes.

For more information, visit www.ccpao.com or contact the Clay County Property Appraisers Office at (904) 269-6305.



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**** Hurricane Property Tax Abatement ****

The 2018 Florida Legislature enacted a law providing a reimbursement of property taxes for homesteaded property damaged or destroyed by Hurricanes Hermine or Matthew in the 2016 calendar year or Hurricane Irma in the 2017 calendar year. To be eligible, the property must be determined **“uninhabitable”** for a period of **30 days or more** during the calendar year that the hurricane occurred as evidenced by documentation. The property owner must file an *Application for Abatement of Taxes for Homestead Residential Improvements* (and provide supporting documentation) no later than **March 1, 2019**. Failure to timely file an application waives the claim for abatement.



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